

## REMARKS ON HYPERBOLIC POLYNOMIALS

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### 1. Introduction.

In the study of hyperbolic partial differential operators, it is important to investigate properties of the characteristic roots. Bronshtein [2] proved the Lipschitz continuity of the characteristic roots of hyperbolic operators with variable coefficients, and he studied the hyperbolic Cauchy problem in Gevrey classes (see [3]). Ohya and Tarama [7] extended the results in [2] and, also, studied the Cauchy problem.

In this paper we shall give an alternative proof of Bronshtein's results, which seems to be simpler. Also, we shall prove the inner semi-continuity of the cones defined for the localization polynomials of hyperbolic operators (see Theorem 3 below). In studying singularities of solutions the inner semi-continuity of the cones plays a key role (see [8], [9], [10]). We note that our method can be applicable to the mixed problem.

Let  $p(t, x, y) = t^m + \sum_{j=1}^m a_j(x, y)t^{m-j}$  be a polynomial in  $t$ , where the  $a_j(x, y)$  are defined for  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in X$  and  $y \in Y$ ,  $X$  is an open convex subset of  $\mathbf{R}^n$  and  $Y$  is a compact Hausdorff topological space. We assume that

(A-1)  $p(t, x, y) \neq 0$  if  $\text{Im } t \neq 0$  and  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$ ,

(A-2)  $\partial_x^\alpha a_j(x, y)$  ( $|\alpha| \leq k, 1 \leq j \leq m$ ) are continuous and there are  $C > 0$  and  $\delta$  with  $0 < \delta \leq 1$  such that

$$|\partial_x^\alpha a_j(x, y) - \partial_x^\alpha a_j(x', y)| \leq C|x - x'|^\delta$$

if  $|\alpha| = k, x, x' \in X$  and  $y \in Y$ , where  $k$  is a nonnegative integer and  $\partial_x^\alpha = (\partial/\partial x_1)^{\alpha_1} \cdots (\partial/\partial x_n)^{\alpha_n}$ .

**THEOREM 1.** Assume that (A-1) and (A-2) are satisfied. Then, for any open subset  $U$  of  $X$  with  $U \Subset X$  there is  $C = C(U) > 0$  such that

$$|\lambda_j(x, y) - \lambda_j(x', y)| \leq C|x - x'|^r \quad \text{for } 1 \leq j \leq m, x, x' \in U \text{ and } y \in Y,$$

where  $p(t, x, y) = \prod_{j=1}^m (t - \lambda_j(x, y))$ ,  $\lambda_1(x, y) \leq \lambda_2(x, y) \leq \cdots \leq \lambda_m(x, y)$ , and  $r = \min(1, (k + \delta))$

(*m*). Here  $U \Subset X$  means that  $\bar{U}$  is a compact subset of  $X$ .

REMARK. Under the assumptions (A-1) and (A-2)' below Bronshtein [2] proved the above theorem. Theorem 1 was announced by Ohya and Tarama [7] who proved it by the same argument as in [2].

THEOREM 2. Assume that

(A-1)'  $p(t, x, y) \neq 0$  if  $\text{Im } t < 0$  and  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$

and (A-2) are satisfied. Then, for any open subset  $U$  of  $X$  with  $U \Subset X$  there is  $C = C(U) > 0$  such that

$$(1.1) \quad |\partial_t^j \partial_x^\alpha p(t, x, y)| / |p(t, x, y)| \leq C |\text{Im } t|^{-j - |\alpha|/r_j}$$

if  $0 \leq j \leq m-1$ ,  $|\alpha| \leq k$ ,  $-1 \leq \text{Im } t < 0$  and  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$ , where  $r_j = \min(1, (k+\delta)/(m-j))$ . Moreover, if  $\delta=1$  and  $\partial_x^\alpha a_j(x, y)$  ( $|\alpha|=k+1$ ) are continuous, then (1.1) holds for  $|\alpha| \leq k+1$ .

REMARK. The above theorem was announced by Ohya and Tarama [7] under the assumptions (A-1) and (A-2).

Let us assume that (A-1)' is valid and that

(A-2)'  $\partial_x^\alpha a_j(x, y)$  ( $|\alpha| \leq m$ ) are continuous.

Define the localization polynomial  $p_{(t, x, y)}(\tau, \xi)$  of  $p$  at  $(t, x, y) \in \mathbf{R} \times X \times Y$  as

$$p(t+s\tau, x+s\xi, y) = s^\mu (p_{(t, x, y)}(\tau, \xi) + o(1)) \quad \text{as } s \rightarrow 0,$$

where  $p_{(t, x, y)}(\tau, \xi) \neq 0$  in  $(\tau, \xi) \in \mathbf{R}^{n+1}$ . Then  $p_{(t, x, y)}(\tau, \xi)$  is a homogeneous polynomial of degree  $\mu$ . Moreover, it follows from Rouché's theorem and Lemma 2.4 below that

$$p_{(t, x, y)}(\tau, \xi) \neq 0 \quad \text{if } \text{Im } \tau \neq 0 \text{ and } \xi \in \mathbf{R}^n$$

(see, e. g., Hörmander [5]). We denote by  $\Gamma(p_{(t, x, y)}, \vartheta)$  the connected component of the set  $\{(\tau, \xi) \in \mathbf{R}^{n+1}; p_{(t, x, y)}(\tau, \xi) \neq 0\}$  which contains  $\vartheta = (1, 0) \in \mathbf{R}^{n+1}$ . For some properties of hyperbolic polynomials and  $\Gamma(p_{(t, x, y)}, \vartheta)$  we refer to Atiyah, Bott and Gårding [1].

THEOREM 3. Assume that (A-1)' and (A-2)' are satisfied, and let  $(t_0, x^0, y_0) \in \mathbf{R} \times X \times Y$ . Then, for any compact subset  $M$  of  $\Gamma(p_{(t_0, x^0, y_0)}, \vartheta)$  there is a neighborhood  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $(t_0, x^0, y_0)$  in  $\mathbf{R} \times X \times Y$  such that  $M \subset \Gamma(p_{(t, x, y)}, \vartheta)$  for  $(t, x, y) \in \mathcal{U}$ .

REMARK. In [9] we proved the above theorem when the  $a_j(x, y)$  are sufficiently smooth.

In the rest of this paper we shall prove the above theorems.

## 2. Preliminaries.

Let  $p(t) = t^m + \sum_{j=1}^m a_j t^{m-j}$  be a polynomial in  $t$ , where  $a_j \in \mathbf{C}$ .

LEMMA 2.1. *Let  $q(t) = \sum_{j=1}^m b_j t^{m-j}$ , and write  $p(t) + q(t) = \prod_{j=1}^m (t - \alpha_j(b_1, \dots, b_m))$ , where the  $\alpha_j(b_1, \dots, b_m)$  are continuous functions of  $(b_1, \dots, b_m) \in \mathbf{C}^m$ . Then there is a positive constant  $C(m)$ , depending only on  $m$ , such that*

$$(2.1) \quad |\alpha_j(b_1, \dots, b_m) - \alpha_j^0| \leq C(m) \max_{1 \leq k \leq m} (|b_k|^{1/k} + |b_k|^{1/m} |\alpha_j^0|^{1-k/m}), \quad 1 \leq j \leq m,$$

where  $\alpha_j^0 = \alpha_j(0, \dots, 0)$ .

PROOF. There is an integer  $k_0$  with  $1 \leq k_0 \leq m$  such that  $\alpha_j^0 \notin \{z \in \mathbf{C}; (k_0 - 1)A \leq |z - \alpha_j^0| < k_0 A\}$  for  $2 \leq j \leq m$ , where  $A > 0$  is determined latter. Therefore, we have

$$|p(z)| - |q(z)| \geq (A/2)^m - \sum_{j=1}^m |b_j| |z|^{m-j} \quad \text{if } |z - \alpha_j^0| = (k_0 - 2^{-1})A.$$

It is easy to see that there is  $C'(m) > 0$ , depending only on  $m$ , such that

$$(A/2)^m > m |b_j| (|\alpha_j^0| + (k_0 - 2^{-1})A)^{m-j}$$

if  $1 \leq j \leq m$ ,  $A \geq C'(m) (|b_j|^{1/j} + |b_j|^{1/m} |\alpha_j^0|^{1-j/m})$  and  $b_j \neq 0$ . Thus, Rouché's theorem shows that (2.1) with  $C(m) = (m - 2^{-1})C'(m)$  holds for  $j=1$ . Q. E. D.

In the proofs of theorems, we shall use Nuij's approximations (see [6]) and need the following

LEMMA 2.2. *Let  $p(t) = \prod_{j=1}^m (t - \alpha_j^0)$ , where  $\alpha_1^0 \leq \alpha_2^0 \leq \dots \leq \alpha_m^0$ . Then one can write  $(1 + s(d/dt))^{m-1} p(t) = \prod_{j=1}^m (t - \alpha_j(s))$  for  $s \in \mathbf{R}$ , where  $\alpha_1(s) \leq \alpha_2(s) \leq \dots \leq \alpha_m(s)$  and  $\alpha_j(0) = \alpha_j^0$ . Moreover, there are positive constants  $c_1(m)$  and  $c_2(m)$  such that*

$$(2.2) \quad \alpha_j(s) - \alpha_{j-1}(s) \geq c_1(m) |s| \quad \text{for } s \in \mathbf{R} \text{ and } 2 \leq j \leq m,$$

$$(2.3) \quad 0 < \pm (\alpha_j^0 - \alpha_j(s)) \leq c_2(m) |s| \quad \text{for } \pm s > 0 \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq m.$$

PROOF. The first part of the lemma is obvious. Consider the case where  $s > 0$ . Similarly, one can prove the lemma in the case where  $s < 0$ . Assume that for a fixed  $l$  with  $1 \leq l \leq m-1$  there is  $c_1(l) > 0$  such that

$$(2.4) \quad \alpha_j^l(s) - \alpha_{j-1}^l(s) \geq c_1(l) s \quad \text{for } s > 0 \text{ and } 2 \leq j \leq l,$$

where  $(1 + s(d/dt))^{l-1} p(t) = \prod_{j=1}^m (t - \alpha_j^l(s))$  and  $\alpha_1^l(s) \leq \alpha_2^l(s) \leq \dots \leq \alpha_m^l(s)$ . Put

$$\begin{aligned} f(t, s) &= (1 + s(d/dt))^l p(t) / (1 + s(d/dt))^{l-1} p(t) \\ &= (1 + s \sum_{j=1}^m (t - \alpha_j^l(s))^{-1}). \end{aligned}$$

If  $s > 0$ ,  $1 \leq h \leq m$  and  $\alpha_{h-1}^l(s) < t < \alpha_h^l(s)$ , then

$$1 + ms(t - \alpha_1^l(s))^{-1} < f(t, s) < 1 + s(t - \alpha_1^l(s))^{-1} \quad \text{when } h=1,$$

$$\begin{aligned} & 1 + (m-h+1)s(t-\alpha_h^l(s))^{-1} + s(t-\alpha_{h-1}^l(s))^{-1} < f(t, s) \\ & < A_h + s(t-\alpha_h^l(s))^{-1} + s(t-\alpha_{h-1}^l(s))^{-1} \quad \text{when } 2 \leq h \leq m, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\alpha_0^l(s) = -\infty$  and  $A_h = 1$  if  $h=2$  and  $A_h = 1 + (h-2)s(\alpha_{h-1}^l(s) - \alpha_{h-2}^l(s))^{-1}$  if  $3 \leq h \leq m$ . Therefore, we have

$$(2.5) \quad \begin{cases} \alpha_{h-1}^l(s) < \alpha_h^{l+1}(s) < \alpha_h^l(s), \\ \alpha_1^l(s) - ms < \alpha_1^{l+1}(s) < \alpha_1^l(s) - s & \text{when } h=1, \\ \alpha_h^l(s) - 2^{-1}(X_h + (m-h+2)s - [(X_h - (m-h+2)s]^2 + 4sX_h)^{1/2}) \\ < \alpha_h^{l+1}(s) < \alpha_h^l(s) - F(X_h, 2s/A_h)/2 & \text{when } 2 \leq h \leq m, \end{cases}$$

where  $X_h = \alpha_h^l(s) - \alpha_{h-1}^l(s)$  and  $F(u, v) = u + v - (u^2 + v^2)^{1/2}$ , if  $s > 0$  and  $\alpha_{h-1}^l(s) < \alpha_h^l(s)$ . It is obvious that  $\alpha_1^{l+1}(s) \leq \alpha_1^l(s) \leq \alpha_2^{l+1}(s) \leq \dots \leq \alpha_m^{l+1}(s) \leq \alpha_m^l(s)$  for  $s \geq 0$ . Since  $(X_h - (m-h+2)s)^2 + 4sX_h = (X_h - (m-h)s)^2 + 4(m-h+1)s^2 \geq (X_h - (m-h)s)^2$ , (2.5) gives

$$(2.6) \quad 0 \leq \alpha_h^l(s) - \alpha_h^{l+1}(s) \leq (m-h+1)s \quad \text{for } s \geq 0 \text{ and } 1 \leq h \leq m.$$

Moreover, it follows from (2.4) and (2.5) that

$$(2.7) \quad \alpha_{h+1}^{l+1}(s) - \alpha_h^{l+1}(s) \geq \begin{cases} s & (h=1), \\ sF(c_1(l), 2c_1(l)/(h-2+c_1(l)))/2 & (2 \leq h \leq l), \end{cases}$$

since  $F(u_1, v_1) \geq F(u_2, v_2)$  for  $u_1 \geq u_2 \geq 0$  and  $v_1 \geq v_2 \geq 0$ . (2.7) shows that (2.4) is valid, replacing  $l$  with  $l+1$ , where  $c_1(l+1) = \min\{1, F(c_1(l), 2c_1(l)/(l-2+c_1(l)))/2\}$  ( $> 0$ ). This proves (2.2). With  $c_2(m) = m(m-1)$  (2.3) follows from (2.6). Q. E. D.

LEMMA 2.3. *If  $p(t) \neq 0$  for  $\text{Im } t < 0$ , then*

$$(1 + s(d/dt))p(t) \neq 0 \quad \text{for } \text{Im } t < 0 \text{ and } \text{Im } s \leq 0.$$

PROOF. Let  $p(t) = \prod_{j=1}^m (t - \alpha_j)$ , where  $\text{Im } \alpha_j \geq 0$ . Then we have

$$(1 + s(d/dt))p(t) = p(t)(1 + s \sum_{j=1}^m (t - \alpha_j)^{-1}).$$

It is obvious that  $\text{Im}(t - \alpha_j)^{-1} > 0$  and  $\text{Im } s^{-1} \geq 0$  if  $\text{Im } t < 0$ ,  $s \neq 0$  and  $\text{Im } s \leq 0$ . This proves the lemma (see [6]). Q. E. D.

LEMMA 2.4. *Let  $(t_0, x^0, y_0) \in \mathbf{R} \times X \times Y$ , and assume that (A-1)' and (A-2) are satisfied. If  $\partial_t^h p(t_0, x^0, y_0) = 0$  for  $0 \leq h < l$  and  $\partial_t^l p(t_0, x^0, y_0) \neq 0$ , then*

$$\partial_t^j \partial_x^\alpha p(t_0, x^0, y_0) = 0 \quad \text{when } j < l \text{ and } |\alpha| < (l-j)r',$$

where  $r' = \min(1, (k+\delta)/l)$ .

PROOF. The lemma is well-known if (A-2)' is satisfied (see, e. g., [5]). And we can prove the lemma similarly. Assume that there are  $j_0$  and  $\alpha^0$  such that  $j_0 < l$ ,  $|\alpha^0| < (l-j_0)r'$  and  $\partial_t^{j_0} \partial_x^{\alpha^0} p(t_0, x^0, y_0) \neq 0$ . Then we have  $r'' \equiv \min\{|\alpha|/(l-j)$ ;

$\partial_t^j \partial_x^\alpha p(t_0, x^0, y_0) \neq 0$ ,  $j < l$  and  $|\alpha| \leq k < r'$  ( $\leq 1$ ). Write  $r' = b/a$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are positive integers and mutually prime. Note that  $1 \leq b < a$ . It is easy to see that  $p(t_0 + s^{r'}\tau, x^0 + s\xi, y_0) = q(\tau, \xi)s^{lr'} + o(s^{lr'})$  as  $s \downarrow 0$ , where  $q(\tau, \xi) = c\tau^l + \sum_{0 < j \leq l/a} c_j(\xi)\tau^{l-aj}$ ,  $c = \partial_t^l p(t_0, x^0, y_0)/l! \neq 0$  and  $c_j(\xi) = \sum_{|\alpha| = bj} \partial_t^{l-aj} \partial_x^\alpha p(t_0, x^0, y_0) \cdot \xi^\alpha / ((l-aj)!\alpha!)$ . By assumption there is  $\xi^0 \in \mathbf{R}^n$  such that all  $c_j(\xi^0)$  do not vanish. So there is  $\tau_0 \in \mathbf{C} \setminus \{0\}$  such that  $q(\tau_0, \xi^0) = 0$ . Then we have  $q(\tau, \pm\xi^0) = 0$  if  $\tau^a = (\pm 1)^b \tau_0^a$ . On the other hand, (A-1)' implies that  $q(\tau, \pm\xi^0) \neq 0$  if  $\text{Im } \tau < 0$ . This gives  $a = b = 1$ , which contradicts  $a > 1$ .

Q. E. D.

**LEMMA 2.5.** *Let  $M$  be an arcwise connected subset of  $\mathbf{R}^n$ ,  $U$  a Hausdorff topological space and  $S = \{s \in \mathbf{C}; |s| \leq s_0 \text{ and } \text{Im } s \leq 0\}$ . Let  $f(s, w, u)$  be a continuous function on  $S \times M \times U$  which satisfies the following conditions; (i)  $f(s, w, u)$  is analytic in  $s$  if  $\text{Im } s < 0$ , (ii) there is a dense subset  $U'$  of  $U$  such that  $f(s, w, u) \neq 0$  for  $s \in S \cap \mathbf{R}$ ,  $w \in M$  and  $u \in U'$ , (iii)  $f(s, w, u) \neq 0$  if  $|s| = s_0$ , and (iv) there is  $w^0 \in M$  such that  $f(s, w^0, u) \neq 0$  if  $\text{Im } s < 0$ . Then*

$$f(s, w, u) \neq 0 \quad \text{if } \text{Im } s < 0.$$

**PROOF.** Assume that there are  $(s_1, w^1, u_1) \in S \times M \times U$  such that  $\text{Im } s_1 < 0$  and  $f(s_1, w^1, u_1) = 0$ . Since  $f(s, w^1, u_1) \neq 0$  in  $s$ , applying Rouché's theorem (or a variant of the Weierstrass preparation theorem), we may assume that  $u_1 \in U'$ . Let  $\{w(\theta)\}_{0 \leq \theta \leq 1}$  be a continuous curve in  $M$  satisfying  $w(0) = w^1$  and  $w(1) = w^0$ . Then it follows from the conditions (i)-(iii) that there is a continuous function  $s(\theta)$  defined on  $[0, 1]$  such that  $s(0) = s_1$  and  $f(s(\theta), w(\theta), u_1) = 0$  for  $\theta \in [0, 1]$ . Observe that  $\text{Im } s(\theta) < 0$  and  $|s(\theta)| < s_0$  for  $\theta \in [0, 1]$ . Therefore we have  $f(s(1), w^0, u_1) = 0$ , which contradicts the condition (iv). This proves the lemma.

Q. E. D.

The following lemma is elementary (see, e. g., [10]).

**LEMMA 2.6.** *Let  $V_l$  be the vector space of all homogeneous polynomials with real coefficients in  $\xi$  of degree  $l$ . Then there are  $p_1(\xi), \dots, p_\nu(\xi) \in V_l$  such that  $\{p_1(\xi)^l, \dots, p_\nu(\xi)^l\}$  is a basis of  $V_l$ , where  $\nu = \dim V_l$ .*

### 3. Proof of Theorem 1.

Put

$$\tilde{p}(t, x, y, z) = (1 + z^r \partial_t)^{m-1} p(t, x, y) \quad \text{for } z \in \mathbf{C} \text{ with } \text{Im } z \leq 0,$$

where  $1^r = 1$ . By Lemma 2.2 the equation  $\tilde{p}(t, x, y, z) = 0$  has only real roots for  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$ , if  $z \geq 0$  or  $z \in \mathbf{R}$  and  $r = 1$ . Moreover, if  $z \geq 0$  or  $z \in \mathbf{R}$  and  $r = 1$ , then we have

$$(3.1) \quad \tilde{\lambda}_j(x, y, z) - \tilde{\lambda}_{j-1}(x, y, z) \geq c_1(m)|z|^r, \quad 2 \leq j \leq m,$$

$$(3.2) \quad |\lambda_j(x, y) - \tilde{\lambda}_j(x, y, z)| \leq c_2(m)|z|^r, \quad 1 \leq j \leq m,$$

for  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$ , where  $\tilde{p}(t, x, y, z) = \prod_{j=1}^m (t - \tilde{\lambda}_j(x, y, z))$  and  $\tilde{\lambda}_1(x, y, z) \leq \tilde{\lambda}_2(x, y, z) \leq \cdots \leq \tilde{\lambda}_m(x, y, z)$ . If  $z \leq 0$  and  $r < 1$ , then Lemma 2.3 gives

$$(3.3) \quad \tilde{p}(t + z^r, x, y, z) \neq 0 \quad \text{when } \operatorname{Im} t < |z|^r \sin r\pi.$$

Write

$$a_j(x + z\xi, y) = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq k} z^{|\alpha|} \xi^\alpha \partial_x^\alpha a_j(x, y) / \alpha! + \tilde{a}_j(x, \xi, y, z),$$

where  $z \in \mathbf{R}$ ,  $\xi \in \mathbf{R}^n$ ,  $x \in X$ ,  $x + z\xi \in X$  and  $y \in Y$ . Then the condition (A-2) implies that there is  $A > 0$  such that

$$(3.4) \quad |\tilde{a}_j(x, \xi, y, z)| \leq A|z|^{mr} |\xi|^{mr}$$

if  $z \in \mathbf{R}$ ,  $\xi \in \mathbf{R}^n$ ,  $x \in X$ ,  $x + z\xi \in X$  and  $y \in Y$ . Let  $U$  be an open subset of  $X$  such that  $U \subseteq X$ , and put

$$P(t, x, \xi, y, z) = (1 + z^r \partial_t)^{m-1} (t^m + \sum_{j=1}^m t^{m-j} \sum_{|\alpha| \leq k} z^{|\alpha|} \xi^\alpha \partial_x^\alpha a_j(x, y) / \alpha!).$$

From Lemma 2.1 and (3.1) it follows that there are  $\delta_0 > 0$  and  $\delta_1 > 0$  such that  $P(t, x, \xi, y, z) = 0$  has only simple roots for  $(x, \xi, y) \in \Omega(U; \delta_1)$  if  $0 < z \leq \delta_0$  or  $z \in [-\delta_0, \delta_0] \setminus \{0\}$  and  $r = 1$ , where  $\Omega(U; \delta_1) = \{(x, \xi, y) \in U \times \mathbf{R}^n \times Y; |\xi| \leq \delta_1\}$ . Since the  $\tilde{a}_j(x, \xi, y, z)$  are real-valued,  $P(t, x, \xi, y, z) = 0$  has only real roots for  $(x, \xi, y) \in \Omega(U; \delta_1)$  if  $0 \leq z \leq \delta_0$  or  $-\delta_0 \leq z \leq \delta_0$  and  $r = 1$ . Therefore, we can write

$$P(t + z^r, x, \xi, y, z) = \prod_{j=1}^m (t - \Lambda_j(x, \xi, y, z))$$

for  $(x, \xi, y) \in \Omega(U; \delta_1)$  and  $0 \leq z \leq \delta_0$ , where  $\Lambda_1(x, \xi, y, z) \leq \Lambda_2(x, \xi, y, z) \leq \cdots \leq \Lambda_m(x, \xi, y, z)$ . It follows from Lemma 2.1 that there is  $c > 0$  such that

$$(3.5) \quad |\Lambda_j(x, \xi, y, z) - \tilde{\lambda}_j(x + z\xi, y, z)| \leq cz^r$$

if  $(x, \xi, y) \in \Omega(U; \delta_1)$  and  $0 \leq z \leq \delta_0$ . Moreover, by Lemma 2.1, (3.3) and (3.4) we have  $P(t + z^r, x, \xi, y, z) \neq 0$  for  $(x, \xi, y) \in \Omega(U; \delta_1)$ ,  $\operatorname{Im} t < 0$  and  $z \in [-\delta_0, \delta_0]$ , if necessary, modifying  $\delta_0$  and  $\delta_1$ . Let  $t \in \mathbf{R}$ ,  $z \in (0, \delta_0/2]$  and  $(x, \xi, y) \in \Omega(U; \delta_1)$ , and write

$$P(t + (z + s\zeta)^r + z^{r-1}s\tau, x, \xi, y, z + s\zeta) = s^\mu (P_{(t, z, x, \xi, y)}(\tau, \zeta) + o(1)) \quad \text{as } s \downarrow 0,$$

where  $P_{(t, z, x, \xi, y)}(\tau, \zeta) \neq 0$  in  $(\tau, \zeta)$ . Then  $P_{(t, z, x, \xi, y)}(\tau, \zeta)$  is a homogeneous polynomial in  $(\tau, \zeta)$  of degree  $\mu$  and satisfies

$$(3.6) \quad P_{(t, z, x, \xi, y)}(\tau, \zeta) \neq 0 \quad \text{if } \operatorname{Im} \tau < 0 \text{ and } \zeta \in \mathbf{R}.$$

In fact,  $P(z^{r-1}\tilde{t} + \tilde{z}^r, x, \xi, y, \tilde{z})$  is analytic in  $(\tilde{t}, \tilde{z})$  and microhyperbolic with respect to  $(-1, 0) \in \mathbf{R}^2$  near  $(\tilde{t}, \tilde{z}) = (z^{1-r}t, z)$ . This verifies (3.6) (see, e. g., Lemma 8.7.2 in [5]), which easily follows from Lemma 2.4 and Rouché's theorem. Note that

$P_{(t,z;x,\xi,y)}(\tau, \zeta)$  can be defined and satisfies (3.6) when  $r=1$  and  $z=0$ . Put  $f(s, \zeta, (t, x, \tau, \xi, y, z)) = P(t + (z + s\zeta)^r + z^{r-1}s\tau, x, \xi, y, z + s\zeta)$  for  $s \in \mathbf{C}$  with  $\text{Im } s \leq 0$  and  $|s| \leq s_0$ ,  $\tau \in [1/2, 2]$ ,  $\zeta \in [0, 1]$ ,  $t \in \mathbf{C}$  with  $\text{Im } t \leq 0$ ,  $(x, \xi, y) \in \Omega(U; \delta_1)$  and  $z \in (0, \varepsilon]$ , where  $s_0 \leq \delta_0/2$  and  $\varepsilon \leq \delta_0/2$ . If  $r < 1$ , then it is easy to see that (i)  $f$  is analytic in  $s$  for  $\text{Im } s < 0$ , (ii)  $f(s, \zeta, (t, x, \tau, \xi, y, z)) \neq 0$  when  $\text{Im } t < 0$  and  $s \in \mathbf{R}$ , (iii) for any  $T > 0$  there is  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $f(s, \zeta, (t, x, \tau, \xi, y, z)) \neq 0$  when  $|s| = s_0$ ,  $|t| \leq T$  and  $z \in (0, \varepsilon]$ , and (iv)  $f(s, 0, (t, x, \tau, \xi, y, z)) \neq 0$  when  $\text{Im } s < 0$ . In fact, the assertions (i), (ii) and (iv) are obvious. Since  $\lim_{|t| \rightarrow \infty} t^{-m} P(t, x, \xi, y, z) = 1$ , the assertion (iii) is also obvious. Therefore, it follows from Lemma 2.5 that

$$(3.7) \quad P(t + (z + s\zeta)^r + z^{r-1}s\tau, x, \xi, y, z + s\zeta) \neq 0$$

if  $r < 1$ ,  $\text{Im } s < 0$ ,  $|s| \leq s_0$ ,  $\tau \in [1/2, 2]$ ,  $\zeta \in [0, 1]$ ,  $\text{Im } t \leq 0$ ,  $|t| \leq T$ ,  $(x, \xi, y) \in \Omega(U; \delta_1)$  and  $z \in (0, \varepsilon]$ . Next let us consider the case where  $r=1$ . From (3.6), for any  $(t_0, x^0, \xi^0, y_0) \in \mathbf{R} \times U \times \mathbf{R}^n \times Y$  with  $|\xi^0| \leq \delta_1/2$  there is  $c > 0$  such that

$$P_{(t_0, 0; x^0, \xi^0, y_0)}(1, \zeta) \neq 0 \quad \text{if } \zeta \in [0, c].$$

Therefore, there are  $s_0 > 0$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$  and a neighborhood  $V$  of  $y_0$  in  $Y$  such that

$$(3.8) \quad P(t + (z + s\zeta) + s\tau, x, \xi, y, z + s\zeta) \neq 0$$

if  $|s| = s_0$ ,  $\tau \in [1 - \varepsilon, 1 + \varepsilon]$ ,  $\zeta \in [0, c]$ ,  $|t - t_0| < \varepsilon$ ,  $(x, \xi, y) \in X \times \mathbf{R}^n \times V$ ,  $|x - x^0| < \varepsilon$ ,  $|\xi - \xi^0| < \varepsilon$  and  $z \in [0, \varepsilon]$ . For we can write

$$P(t + (z + s\zeta) + s\tau, x, \xi, y, z + s\zeta) = \sum_{j=0}^{\mu_0} s^j P_j(t, x, \xi, y, z, \tau, \zeta) + o(s^{\mu_0})$$

as  $s \rightarrow 0$ ,

where  $P_{\mu_0}(t_0, x^0, \xi^0, y_0, 0, \tau, \zeta) = P_{(t_0, 0; x^0, \xi^0, y_0)}(\tau, \zeta)$ . Since  $P_j(t_0, x^0, \xi^0, y_0, 0, \tau, \zeta) \equiv 0$  for  $j < \mu_0$ , we have (3.8). Similarly, it follows from Lemma 2.5 that (3.7) is valid if  $r=1$  and  $\text{Im } s < 0$ ,  $|s| \leq s_0$ ,  $\tau \in [1 - \varepsilon, 1 + \varepsilon]$ ,  $\zeta \in [0, c]$ ,  $\text{Im } t \leq 0$ ,  $|t - t_0| < \varepsilon$ ,  $(x, \xi, y) \in X \times \mathbf{R}^n \times V$ ,  $|x - x^0| < \varepsilon$ ,  $|\xi - \xi^0| < \varepsilon$  and  $z \in [0, \varepsilon]$ . Since  $\bar{U}$  and  $Y$  are compact, for any  $T > 0$  there are positive constant  $c$ ,  $s_0$ ,  $\varepsilon$  and  $\delta_1$  such that (3.7) holds if  $r \leq 1$ ,  $\text{Im } s < 0$ ,  $|s| \leq s_0$ ,  $\tau \in [1 - \varepsilon, 1 + \varepsilon]$ ,  $\zeta \in [0, c]$ ,  $\text{Im } t \leq 0$ ,  $|t| \leq T$ ,  $(x, \xi, y) \in \Omega(U; \delta_1)$  and  $z \in (0, \varepsilon]$ . This implies that  $P_{(t,z;x,\xi,y)}(1, \zeta) \neq 0$  if  $t \in \mathbf{R}$ ,  $|t| < T$ ,  $z \in (0, \varepsilon)$ ,  $(x, \xi, y) \in \Omega(U; \delta_1)$  and  $\zeta \in [0, c]$ . In fact, if there are  $t_0 \in \mathbf{R}$ ,  $z_0 \in (0, \varepsilon)$ ,  $(x^0, \xi^0, y_0) \in \Omega(U; \delta_1)$  and  $\zeta_0 \in [0, c]$  such that  $|t_0| < T$  and  $P_{(t_0, z_0; x^0, \xi^0, y_0)}(1, \zeta_0) = 0$ , then Rouché's theorem gives a contradiction to the fact that (3.7) is valid when  $r \leq 1$ ,  $\text{Im } s < 0$ ,  $|s| \leq s_0$ ,  $\tau \in [1 - \varepsilon, 1 + \varepsilon]$ ,  $\zeta \in [0, c]$ ,  $\text{Im } t \leq 0$ ,  $|t| \leq T$ ,  $(x, \xi, y) \in \Omega(U; \delta_1)$  and  $z \in (0, \varepsilon]$ . This proves the assertion.

Now we can prove Theorem 1. It is obvious that

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= P(A_j(x, \xi, y, z + s\zeta) + (z + s\zeta)^r, x, \xi, y, z + s\zeta) \\
 &= s^{\mu} (P_{(A_j(x, \xi, y, z), z; x, \xi, y)}(z^{1-r} s^{-1} (A_j(x, \xi, y, z + s\zeta) \\
 &\quad - A_j(x, \xi, y, z)), \zeta) + o(1)) \quad \text{as } s \downarrow 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mu$  depends on  $(x, \xi, y, z)$  and  $j$ , if  $(x, \xi, y) \in \Omega(U; \delta_1)$ ,  $\zeta \in [0, c]$  and  $z \in (0, \varepsilon)$ . Therefore, we have

$$(3.9) \quad \partial_s \lambda_j(x, \xi, y, z + s\zeta)|_{s=0} < z^{r-1}$$

when  $(x, \xi, y) \in \Omega(U; \delta_1)$ ,  $\zeta \in [0, c]$  and  $z \in (0, \varepsilon)$ . It follows from (3.2), (3.5) and (3.9) that there is  $C > 0$  such that

$$(3.10) \quad \lambda_j(x + z\xi, y) - \lambda_j(x, y) \leq Cz^r \quad \text{if } (x, \xi, y) \in \Omega(U; \delta_1) \text{ and } z \in [0, \varepsilon].$$

Replacing  $x + z\xi$  and  $x$  with  $x$  and  $x + z\xi$  in (3.10), respectively, we have, with some constant  $C' > 0$ ,

$$|\lambda_j(x^1, y) - \lambda_j(x^2, y)| \leq C'|x^1 - x^2|^r \quad \text{if } x^1, x^2 \in U \text{ and } y \in Y.$$

This proves Theorem 1.

#### 4. Proof of Theorem 2.

From Lemma 4.1.1 in [4] it follows that there is  $C > 0$  such that

$$|\partial_t^j p(t, x, y)| / |p(t, x, y)| \leq C |\operatorname{Im} t|^{-j}$$

if  $\operatorname{Im} t < 0$ ,  $x \in X$  and  $y \in Y$ . Therefore, it suffices to prove (1.1) for  $j=0$ . In fact, the Gauss theorem implies that  $\partial_t^j p(t, x, y)$  satisfies (A-1)'. First let us consider the case where  $r=1$ . Write

$$(1+i)p(t, x, y) = p_1(t, x, y) + ip_2(t, x, y),$$

where  $p_h$  ( $h=1, 2$ ) are polynomials in  $t$  with real coefficients for  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$ . Then the Hermite theorem implies that  $p_h(t, x, y) \neq 0$  if  $\operatorname{Im} t \neq 0$ ,  $x \in X$  and  $y \in Y$ . From (A-1)' it follows that  $|p_h(t, x, y)| \leq 2^{1/2} |p(t, x, y)|$  if  $\operatorname{Im} t < 0$  and  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$ . In fact, it is obvious that  $|t - \bar{\alpha}| / |t - \alpha| \leq 1$  if  $\operatorname{Im} t < 0$  and  $\operatorname{Im} \alpha \geq 0$ . Therefore, it suffices to prove Theorem 2 in the case where  $p$  satisfies (A-1) and (A-2). Assume that  $p$  satisfies (A-1) and (A-2). Then, with the notations in § 3, similarly we have  $P(t+s, x, \xi, y, s\zeta) \neq 0$  if  $\operatorname{Im} s < 0$ ,  $|s| \leq s_0$ ,  $\zeta \in [-c, c]$ ,  $\operatorname{Im} t \leq 0$  and  $(x, \xi, y) \in \Omega(U; \delta_1)$ . So there is  $c > 0$  such that  $P(t, x, \xi, y, z) \neq 0$  if  $-2 \leq \operatorname{Im} t < 0$ ,  $(x, \xi, y) \in \Omega(U; \delta_1)$ ,  $z \in \mathbf{C}$  and  $|z| \leq c |\operatorname{Im} t|$ . Since  $P(t, x, \xi, y, z)$  is a polynomial in  $(t, z)$ , it follows from Lemma 4.1.1 in [4] that there is  $C > 0$  such that

$$|\partial_t^j \partial_z^h P(t, x, \xi, y, z)|_{z=0} / |P(t, x, \xi, y, 0)| \leq C |\operatorname{Im} t|^{-j-h}$$

if  $-1 \leq \operatorname{Im} t < 0$  and  $(x, \xi, y) \in \Omega(U; \delta_1)$ . It is obvious that

$$\partial_t^j \partial_z^h ((1+z\partial_t)^{m-1} p(t, x+z\xi, y) - P(t, x, \xi, y, z))|_{z=0} = 0$$

for  $0 \leq h \leq m-1$ . So we have, inductively,



$$(4.1) \quad |\partial_t^j \partial_x^k p(t, x + z\xi, y)|_{z=0} / |p(t, x, y)| \leq C |\operatorname{Im} t|^{-j-h}$$

if  $-1 \leq \operatorname{Im} t < 0$ ,  $(x, \xi, y) \in \Omega(U; \delta_1)$  and  $0 \leq h \leq m-1$ . It is obvious that (4.1) holds for  $j=0$  and  $h=m$  if  $\partial_x^\alpha a_j(x, y)$  ( $|\alpha|=m$ ) are continuous. Therefore, Theorem 2 immediately follows from Lemma 2.6 if  $r=1$ . Next consider the case  $r < 1$ . Put

$$\begin{aligned} P(t, x, \xi, y) &= t^m + \sum_{j=1}^m t^{m-j} \sum_{|\alpha| \leq k} \xi^\alpha \partial_x^\alpha a_j(x, y) / \alpha! , \\ f(s, \xi, (t, x, y, \nu)) &= P(t + s^r + \nu \omega s^r |\xi|^r, x, s\xi, y) \end{aligned}$$

for  $\operatorname{Im} t \leq 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Im} s \leq 0$ ,  $(x, \xi, y) \in X \times \mathbf{R}^n \times Y$  and  $\nu > 0$ , where  $\omega = \exp[i(r-1)\pi/2]$  and  $1^r = 1$ . Let  $(t_0, x^0, y_0) \in \mathbf{R} \times X \times Y$ . Then we have the following: (i)  $f(s, \xi, (t, x, y, \nu))$  is analytic in  $s$  if  $\operatorname{Im} s < 0$ . (ii) For any open subset  $U$  of  $X$  with  $U \Subset X$ , there are positive constants  $\nu_U$ ,  $\delta_0$  and  $\delta_1$  such that  $f(s, \xi, (t, x, y, \nu_U)) \neq 0$  if  $s \in [-\delta_0, \delta_0]$ ,  $\operatorname{Im} t < 0$  and  $(x, \xi, y) \in \Omega(\bar{U}; \delta_1)$ . (iii) There are positive constants  $c$ ,  $s_0$  and  $\varepsilon$  and a neighborhood  $V$  of  $y_0$  in  $Y$  such that  $s_0 \leq \delta_0$ ,  $c \leq \delta_1$  and  $f(s, \xi, (t, x, y, \nu_0)) \neq 0$  if  $|s| = s_0$ ,  $(t, x, \xi, y) \in \mathbf{C} \times X \times \mathbf{R}^n \times V$ ,  $|t - t_0| \leq \varepsilon$ ,  $|x - x^0| \leq \varepsilon$  and  $|\xi| \leq c$ , where  $\nu_0 = \nu_U$  with  $U = \{x \in X; |x - x^0| < \varepsilon\}$ . (iv)  $f(s, 0, (t, x, y, \nu)) \neq 0$  if  $\operatorname{Im} s < 0$ . In fact, we have

$$p(t + s^r + \nu \omega s^r |\xi|^r, x + s\xi, y) \neq 0$$

if  $\operatorname{Im} t < \nu |s|^r |\xi|^r \sin(1-r)\pi/2$ ,  $s \in \mathbf{R}$  and  $x + s\xi \in X$ . Since

$$|\tilde{a}_j(x, s\xi, y)| \leq A |s|^{mr} |\xi|^{mr}$$

for  $(x, \xi, y) \in X \times \mathbf{R}^n \times Y$ ,  $s \in \mathbf{R}$  and  $x + s\xi \in X$ , where  $p(t, x + s\xi, y) - P(t, x, \xi, y) = \sum_{j=1}^m \tilde{a}_j(x, \xi, y) t^{m-j}$ , the assertion (ii) easily follows from Lemma 2.1. Write

$$P(t_0 + s^r \tau, x^0, s\xi, y_0) = s^{\mu_0} (P_{(t_0, x^0, y_0)}(\tau, \xi) + o(1)) \quad \text{as } s \rightarrow 0,$$

where  $P_{(t_0, x^0, y_0)}(\tau, \xi) \neq 0$  in  $(\tau, \xi)$ . Then we have  $\mu_0 \leq mr$  and

$$P_{(t_0, x^0, y_0)}(\tau, \xi) = \sum_{jr + |\alpha| = \mu_0} \tau^j \xi^\alpha \partial_t^j \partial_x^\alpha p(t_0, x^0, y_0) / (j! \alpha!)$$

if  $\mu_0 < mr$ . Therefore, it follows from Lemma 2.4 that  $P_{(t_0, x^0, y_0)}(1, 0) \neq 0$ . One can also prove that  $P_{(t_0, x^0, y_0)}(\tau, \xi) = P_{(t_0, x^0, y_0)}(\tau, 0)$  if  $\mu_0 < mr$ . We can write

$$\begin{aligned} P(t + s^r \tau, x, s\xi, y) &= \sum_{\mu \leq \mu_0} s^\mu f_\mu(t, x, y; \tau, \xi) + o(s^{\mu_0}) \quad \text{as } s \rightarrow 0, \\ f_\mu(t_0, x^0, y_0; \tau, \xi) &\equiv 0 \quad \text{for } \mu < \mu_0, \\ f_{\mu_0}(t_0, x^0, y_0; \tau, \xi) &= P_{(t_0, x^0, y_0)}(\tau, \xi). \end{aligned}$$

This verifies the assertion (iii). From Lemma 2.5 it follows that  $f(s, \xi, (t, x, y, \nu_0)) \neq 0$  if  $\operatorname{Im} s < 0$ ,  $|s| \leq s_0$ ,  $(t, x, \xi, y) \in \mathbf{C} \times X \times \mathbf{R}^n \times V$ ,  $\operatorname{Im} t \leq 0$ ,  $|t - t_0| \leq \varepsilon$ ,  $|x - x^0| \leq \varepsilon$  and  $|\xi| \leq c$ . Therefore, there are positive constants  $\varepsilon'$  and  $\delta'$  such that  $P(t, x, s\xi, y) \neq 0$  if  $(t, x, \xi, y) \in \mathbf{C} \times X \times \mathbf{R}^n \times V$ ,  $|\operatorname{Re} t - t_0| \leq \varepsilon'$ ,  $-\varepsilon' \leq \operatorname{Im} t < 0$ ,  $|x - x^0| \leq \varepsilon$ ,  $|\xi| \leq 1$ ,  $s \in \mathbf{C}$  and  $|s|^r \leq \delta' |\operatorname{Im} t|$ . In fact, we have  $\{(t, s\xi); |\operatorname{Re} t - t_0| \leq \varepsilon', -\varepsilon' \leq \operatorname{Im} t < 0, s \in \mathbf{C} \text{ and } |s|^r \leq \delta' |\operatorname{Im} t|\} \subset \{(t + s^r(1 + \nu_0 \omega c^r |\xi|^r), cs\xi); |t - t_0| \leq \varepsilon, \operatorname{Im} t \leq 0, \operatorname{Im} s \leq 0, \operatorname{Im} t + \operatorname{Im} s < 0, |s| \leq s_0$

and  $\hat{\xi} = \pm \xi$  if  $\xi \in \mathbf{R}^n$ ,  $|\xi| \leq 1$ ,  $3\varepsilon' \leq \varepsilon$ ,  $\delta' < (c^{-r} + \nu_0)^{-1}$  and  $\delta'\varepsilon' \leq c^r s_0$ . Applying Lemma 4.1.1 in [4] to the polynomial  $P(t, x, s\xi, y)$  in  $s$ , we have

$$(4.2) \quad |\partial_s^j P(t, x, s\xi, y)|_{s=0} / |P(t, x, 0, y)| \leq C |\operatorname{Im} t|^{-j/r}$$

if  $(t, x, \xi, y) \in \mathbf{C} \times X \times \mathbf{R}^n \times V$ ,  $|\operatorname{Re} t - t_0| \leq \varepsilon'$ ,  $-\varepsilon' \leq \operatorname{Im} t < 0$ ,  $|x - x^0| \leq \varepsilon$ ,  $|\xi| \leq 1$ . Since  $\partial_s^j P(t, x, s\xi, y)|_{s=0} = \partial_s^j p(t, x + s\xi, y)|_{s=0}$  for  $j \leq k$ , (4.2) and Lemma 2.6 prove the first part of theorem 2. Then the second part of Theorem 2 is obvious.

### 5. Proof of Theorem 3.

Write

$$(5.1) \quad p(t_0 + s\tau, x^0 + s\xi, y_0) = s^\mu (\mathcal{P}_{(t_0, x^0, y_0)}(\tau, \xi) + o(1)) \quad \text{as } s \rightarrow 0,$$

and put  $\alpha = \mathcal{P}_{(t_0, x^0, y_0)}(1, 0)$  ( $\in \mathbf{C} \setminus \{0\}$ ) and

$$p_1(t, x, y) + ip_2(t, x, y) = \bar{\alpha}(1+i)p(t, x, y),$$

where  $p_j(t, x, y)$  ( $j=1, 2$ ) are polynomials in  $t$  with real coefficients. Then it follows from the Hermite theorem that  $p_j(t, x, y)$  ( $j=1, 2$ ) satisfy (A-1), and that

$$p_j(t_0 + s\tau, x^0 + s\xi, y_0) = s^\mu (\bar{\alpha} \mathcal{P}_{(t_0, x^0, y_0)}(\tau, \xi) + o(1)) \quad \text{as } s \rightarrow 0.$$

Thus we have  $\Gamma(\mathcal{P}_{(t_0, x^0, y_0)}, \mathcal{G}) = \Gamma(p_j(t_0, x^0, y_0), \mathcal{G})$  ( $j=1, 2$ ). On the other hand,  $\Gamma(\mathcal{P}_{(t_0, x^0, y_0)}, \mathcal{G})$  is equal to at least one of  $\Gamma(p_j(t_0, x^0, y_0), \mathcal{G})$  ( $j=1, 2$ ). Therefore, it suffices to prove the theorem under the assumptions (A-1) and (A-2)'. Assume that  $p$  satisfies (A-1) and (A-2)'. Put

$$P(t, x, \xi, y, s, \nu) = (1 + s\nu |\xi| \partial_t)^{m-1} (t^m + \sum_{j=1}^m t^{m-j} \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} s^{|\alpha|} \xi^\alpha \partial_x^\alpha a_j(x, y) / \alpha!).$$

Then, for any  $U \subseteq X$  and any  $\nu > 0$  there is  $\delta_0 \equiv \delta_0(U, \nu) > 0$  such that

$$(5.2) \quad P(t, x, \xi, y, s, \nu) \neq 0$$

if  $\operatorname{Im} t \neq 0$ ,  $(x, \xi, y) \in U \times \mathbf{R}^n \times Y$ ,  $|\xi| \leq 2$  and  $s \in [-\delta_0, \delta_0]$ . In fact, we have

$$(1 + s\nu |\xi| \partial_t)^{m-1} p(t, x + s\xi, y) - P(t, x, \xi, y, s, \nu) = \sum_{j=1}^m \bar{a}_j(x, \xi, y, s, \nu) t^{m-j},$$

$$\bar{a}_j(x, \xi, y, s, \nu) = o(s^m |\xi|^m)$$

if  $(x, \xi, y) \in U \times \mathbf{R}^n \times Y$ ,  $|\xi| \leq 2$ ,  $s \in [-1, 1]$  and  $x + s\xi \in X$ . Thus Lemmas 2.1 and 2.2 give (5.2), applying the same argument as in § 3. Since  $\mu \leq m$  in (5.1), we have

$$P(t_0 + s\tau, x^0, \xi, y_0, s, \nu) = s^\mu \{(1 + \nu |\xi| \partial_\tau)^{m-1} \mathcal{P}_{(t_0, x^0, y_0)}(\tau, \xi) + o(1)\} \quad \text{as } s \rightarrow 0.$$

From Lemma 2.2 or its proof, it follows that

$$(5.3) \quad \{(\tau, \xi) \in \mathbf{R}^{n+1}; (\tau - c_2(m)\nu |\xi|, \xi) \in \Gamma_\nu\} \subset \Gamma(\mathcal{P}_{(t, x, y)}, \mathcal{G}) \subset \Gamma_\nu,$$

where  $\Gamma_\nu \equiv \Gamma_{(t, x, y, \nu)} = \Gamma((1 + \nu |\xi| \partial_\tau)^{m-1} \mathcal{P}_{(t, x, y)}(\tau, \xi), \mathcal{G})$ . For a compact subset  $M$  of

$\Gamma(\mathcal{P}_{(t_0, x^0, y_0)}, \mathcal{D}) \cap \{(\tau, \xi) \in \mathbf{R}^{n+1}; |\xi| \leq 1\}$  there are  $\nu_0 > 0$  and a compact subset  $\tilde{M}$  of  $\Gamma_{(t_0, x^0, y_0, \nu_0)}$  such that  $\{(\tau, \xi); (\tau + c_2(m)\nu_0|\xi|, \xi) \in M\} \subset \overset{\circ}{\tilde{M}}$ , where  $\overset{\circ}{\tilde{M}}$  denotes the interior of  $\tilde{M}$ . It is easy to see that there are  $s_0 > 0$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$  and a neighborhood  $V$  of  $y_0$  in  $Y$  such that

$$P(t + s\tau, x, \xi, y, s, \nu_0) \neq 0$$

if  $|t - t_0| \leq \varepsilon$ ,  $|x - x^0| \leq \varepsilon$ ,  $y \in V$ ,  $|s| = s_0$  and  $(\tau, \xi) \in \tilde{M}$ . We may assume that  $\tilde{M}$  is convex and  $\mathcal{D} \in \tilde{M}$ . So we can apply Lemma 2.5 and obtain

$$(5.4) \quad P(t + s\tau, x, \xi, y, s, \nu_0) \neq 0$$

If  $\text{Im } t \leq 0$ ,  $|t - t_0| \leq \varepsilon$ ,  $|x - x^0| \leq \varepsilon$ ,  $y \in V$ ,  $\text{Im } s < 0$ ,  $|s| \leq s_0$  and  $(\tau, \xi) \in \tilde{M}$ . Assume that there are  $t_1 \in \mathbf{R}$ ,  $x^1 \in X$ ,  $y_1 \in V$  and  $(\tau_1, \xi^1) \in \tilde{M}$  such that  $|t_1 - t_0| < \varepsilon$ ,  $|x^1 - x^0| < \varepsilon$  and  $(1 + \nu_0|\xi^1|\partial_\tau)^{m-1} \mathcal{P}_{(t_1, x^1, y_1)}(\tau_1, \xi^1) = 0$ . Then there is  $\delta' > 0$  such that  $(\tau_1 \pm \delta', \xi^1) \in \tilde{M}$  and  $|(1 + \nu_0|\xi^1|\partial_\tau)^{m-1} \mathcal{P}_{(t_1, x^1, y_1)}(\tau_1 + \lambda, \xi^1)| > c$  for  $\lambda \in \mathbf{C}$  with  $|\lambda| = \delta'$ , where  $c > 0$ . Rouché's theorem implies that there are  $s_1 > 0$  and a function  $\lambda(s)$  defined on  $[0, s_1]$  such that  $|\lambda(s)| < \delta'$  and

$$P(t_1 + s \text{Im } \lambda(s) - is(\tau_1 + \text{Re } \lambda(s)), x^1, \xi^1, y_1, -is, \nu_0) = 0$$

for  $0 < s \leq s_1$ . This contradicts (5.4). Therefore, we have  $\overset{\circ}{M} \subset \Gamma_{(t, x, y, \nu_0)}$  if  $(t, x, y) \in \mathbf{R} \times X \times V$ ,  $|t - t_0| < \varepsilon$  and  $|x - x^0| < \varepsilon$ . From (5.3) it follows that  $M \subset \Gamma(\mathcal{P}_{(t, x, y)}, \mathcal{D})$  if  $(t, x, y) \in \mathbf{R} \times X \times V$ ,  $|t - t_0| < \varepsilon$  and  $|x - x^0| < \varepsilon$ . This proves the theorem.

We remark that one can easily prove Theorem 3 and, therefore, Theorems 1 and 2 if the coefficients  $a_j(x, y)$  satisfy the condition (A-2) with  $k = m$ . In fact, one has only to apply the above argument to  $P(t, x, \xi, y, s) = (t - \omega s^a)^m + \sum_{j=1}^m (t - \omega s^a)^{m-j} \times \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} s^{|\alpha|} \xi^\alpha \partial_x^\alpha a_j(x, y) / \alpha!$ , where  $1 < a < 1 + \delta/m (\leq 2)$ ,  $\omega = \exp[i(a-1)\pi/2]$  and  $(-1)^a = \exp[-ia\pi]$ .

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